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**Iraq Banking and Finance Conference**  
**April 4- 5, 2007**  
**Intercontinental Hotel, Amman, Jordan**

***Banking in Iraq: The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenge***

**ANNOTATED AGENDA**

***Tuesday, April 3, 2007***

7:00 p.m. Participant arrivals and pre-registration  
Welcome reception (Hotel Intercontinental)

***Wednesday, April 4, 2007***

8:00 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:30 **Official Opening**  
Welcome addresses from Iraqi and U.S. officials

9:30 – 10:00 Opening Address  
**Overview of Banking in Iraq: Developments and Challenges**  
**Speaker:** Governor of the Central Bank of Iraq

10:00 – 10:30 Keynote Presentation  
**Global Banking Developments and their Implications for Transition Economies**

10:45 – 11:15 Tea/Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:45 Plenary Session 1  
**The Role of the Central Bank in Implementing Monetary Policy**

12:45 – 1:00 DISCUSSION

<p><b>12:45 – 1:45 pm</b> <b>PRESS BRIEFINGS (By invitation only)</b> Select invitees will gather in Room # .... Intercontinental Hotel for briefings with the Press Corps. Details to be provided under separate cover</p>
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1:00 – 2:00 Lunch

2:00 – 3:00 Plenary Session 2  
**Prudential Regulation and Supervision of the Iraqi Banking System;  
Risk Management Systems within the Commercial Banks; Effect of the  
New Secured Transactions Law, etc.**

3:00 – 3:15 Tea/Coffee Break

3:15 – 3:30 GROUP PHOTO

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3:30 – 4:30	<u>Plenary Session 3</u> <b>Private Banks in Iraq – Current Status and Future Growth</b>
4:30 – 5:30	<u>Breakout Session 1</u> <b>The Development of New Bank Products and Services (Including Deposit Products); Islamic Banking Products; Bank Profitability and Return on Assets Criteria.</b>
	<u>Breakout Session 2</u> <b>The Improvement of International and Domestic Wire Transfer Systems, Check Processing, Clearing and Banking MIS Systems</b>
7:30 – 9:00 pm	Reception

***Thursday, April 5, 2007***

9:00 - 10:30	<u>Plenary Session 4</u> <b>State-Owned Banking Sector in Iraq - Developments</b>
10:30 – 10:45	Tea/Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:15	<u>Plenary Session 5</u> <b>Banking and the Growth of the Private Sector: Building a Vibrant SME Lending Industry: The Role of Loan Guarantees</b>
12:15 - 1:15	<u>Plenary Session 6</u> <b>Strategy for the Microfinance Industry in Iraq – Outreach and Growth</b>
1:15 – 2:15	Lunch
2:15 – 3:30	<u>Breakout session 3</u> <b>How to Support the Development of a Financial Services Training Center</b>
	<u>Breakout session 4</u> <b>Bringing International Financial Standards to Iraqi Bank Financial Statements/Annual Reports</b>
3:30 – 4:00	CONCLUDING DISCUSSION
4:00 – 4:30	<b>Closing Session</b>